

Congregate Housing Owners, Agents, and Property Managers

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Subject: Increase in Monthly Allowable Deductions and Level 1 Assisted Living Services Agency (ALSA) Rate for the Congregate Housing program

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This serves as a notice to Owners, Agents, and Property Managers of Congregate Housing that there will be an increase in the monthly allowable deductions and Level 1 ALSA rate effective **July 1, 2022**.

The monthly allowable deductions are standard deductions used in the calculation to determine a Congregate household's contribution toward the cost of rent and core services, and it determines the amount of subsidy needed from the Department of Housing (DOH). The three categories of deductions are for food, medical, and personal expenses. The Commissioner of Housing has approved the new deductions shown in the table below for one-person and two-person households.

	Food	Medical	Personal	Total
1 Person	183	70	122	375
2 Persons	261	135	200	596

Additionally, the Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) has updated the fee schedule for the Connecticut Home Care Program. As a result, the rate for Level 1 ALSA services has now increased to \$998. DOH will continue to provide a subsidy to all qualified and existing residents participating in the ALSA program who are not fully eligible for DSS' Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders. The subsidy is not available for new participants and funds cannot be reallocated to another resident once an existing participant no longer requires the DOH subsidy. DOH will provide a subsidy up to \$998 per month for Level 1 services.

Owner, Agents, and Property Managers must use these new deductions for all annual, interim, and move-in certifications effective on or after **July 1, 2022.** The new ALSA rate is applied at annual recertification for any existing and eligible participants effective **July 1, 2022.** Attached with this notice is a revised Congregate Housing Certification Worksheet with the updated deductions and ALSA rate. Please use this worksheet going forward or update the values and formulas in your certification software to reflect these changes. For those using a software, ensure that the calculations in the software program are in alignment with this updated recertification worksheet.

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